

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 12 has been amended. In particular, claim 12 has been amended so as to depend from claim 11. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance for all of the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on July 24, 2008. An early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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